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Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

May 11, 2006

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Dear Mr. McCracken:

Recommendation 145: Recommendation to Support Above Target FY 2008 Budget Request

At our April 12, 2006, meeting, the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board approved the enclosed recommendation.

We ask that this recommendation be attached to the Oak Ridge Office Environmental Management FY 2008 budget request.

We appreciate your consideration of this recommendation and look forward to receiving your written response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerry Trammell".

Kerry Trammell, Chair

Enclosure

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Recommendation 145 Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board Recommendation to Support the Above Target FY 2008 Budget Request

BACKGROUND

Appendix E of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for the Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR) contains detailed enforceable milestones for the fiscal years (FY) 2006 through 2008. Appendix J of the FFA contains non-enforceable schedules for FY 2009 and beyond for work on subprojects required by previously signed decision documents. Appendix J also includes non-enforceable schedules for subprojects for which decision documents have not been produced.

Each year the Department of Energy (DOE) provides the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) an opportunity to assist in the prioritization of the Appendix J projects/subprojects. At that time, DOE, EPA, and TDEC look for opportunities in the Appendix J planning where DOE can accelerate work and add to the FY 2008 budget request to cover that work.

Appendix G of the FFA gives the public the opportunity to review the prioritization process and results. Attachment 1 represents the results of the prioritization meetings held with the regulators (EPA and TDEC) in January 2006. The information was presented to the Stewardship Committee of the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) on March 21, 2006.

This is the first year that the budget/prioritization process has been done since implementation of the Accelerated Cleanup Plan Agreement. Both the Agreement and the Performance Management Plan were developed in 2002, which established the prioritization of the work that was to be completed by 2008. The prioritization and budgeting of the remainder of the ORR cleanup work reflected in 2009 and beyond has significant importance to the regulators and the public.

DISCUSSION

Although prioritization of the work to be performed defined in the 2002 documents was done without public involvement, there has been clear and considerable progress made on the ORR. Almost all of the legacy low-level waste has been disposed, the remediation work at the Melton Valley watershed is nearing completion, and visible progress is being made at the East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP).

The members of the ORSSAB Stewardship Committee compliment DOE's efforts to again involve the ORSSAB in the prioritization efforts for work remaining to be done on the ORR.

The prioritization efforts by the regulators are noted in Attachment 1. A number 1 in the prioritization column indicates projects of the highest priorities; number 2 medium priorities; and number 3 lowest priorities. The N/A indicates projects that have not been assigned a numerical prioritization and DOE provides a tentative schedule based on best available information. Completion of work assigned the highest priority (1) would result in:

- demolishing of additional buildings at Y-12 National Security Complex and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, which would enhance the soil cleanup work at these facilities,
- initiating some remediation activity for each of the remaining signed Records of Decision, and
- initiating at least one of the projects for which a decision document remains to be developed.

RECOMMENDATION

The ORSSAB concurs with the EPA and TDEC prioritization efforts reflected in Attachment 1 and the subprojects/projects noted as highest priority projects.

ORSSAB strongly recommends that the FY 2008 budget request include sufficient funding to generate the documents necessary for the highest priority projects slated to begin in 2009 on the ORR.

If FY 2008 budget limitations prevent the startup of documents necessary to initiate the identified high-priority field work, ORSSAB recommends that building demolition be given the highest priority to further utilize the trained work force currently mobilized for demolition at ETPP.

ORSSAB strongly recommends that all available steps be taken to request new target case budgets beyond 2008 that will support the completion of the work at ETPP, removal of buildings determined to be unnecessary to the ORR mission, and completion of remediation decisions and remediation work by 2015.

ORSSAB also recommends updating the Performance Management Plan to support work scheduled to begin in FY 2009 through FY 2015.

POST-ACP SCOPE

Priority	Scope	Subproject Title	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
		East Tennessee Technology Park								
NA		TSCA Incinerator Operations								
NA		TSCA Incinerator Demolition								
NA		K31/K33 Demolition								
		Y-12 PLANT								
3		BCV ROD - Phase 1 (Stream Restoration)								
3		UEFPC Surface Water ROD								
3		UEFPC Groundwater ROD								
3		Chestnut Ridge ROD and RA								
3		Clinch River/Poplar Creek Surface Water ROD								
2		BCV White Wing Scrap Yard ROD								
3		BCV White Wing Scrap Yard Remediation								
3		BCV Groundwater ROD								
3		BCV S-3 Ponds								
2		UEFPC West End Mercury Area Horiz Wells								
1	FFS/PP	BCV ROD - Phase 2 (Burial Ground)								
3		BCV Burial Grounds								
1	RAWP	UEFPC Soils Remediation								
3		UEFPC Sediments - Streambed & Lake Reality								
1	RAWP/RDR	UEFPC West End Mercury Area Remediation								
3		BCV DARA/SSF								
2		UEFPC Soils 81-10 Area Remediation								
1	RDR/RAWP, WHP	Y-12 Salvage Yard - Scrap Removal								
1	EE/CA, AM	Alpha-4 -D&D								
3		Transition Facility D&D								
3		Y-12 EM Facilities D&D								
3		ORR Integrated Footprint Reduction								
		OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY								
2		BV Groundwater Action								

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2		BV Inactive Tanks & Pipelines								
2		BV Burial Grounds								
1	RDR/RAWP, WHP	ORNL Soils & Sediments								
3		ORNL FPR/Boundary Sites ROD								
3		Bethel Valley Groundwater ROD								
3		Melton Valley Final ROD								
1	RAWP/WHP	ORNL Small Facilities D&D								
2		MV Homogeneous Reactor Experiment D&D								
2		Molten Salt Reactor Experiment D&D								
1	RDR/RAWP, WHP*	BV Isotopes Facilities (Building 3026 C&D)								
1	RDR/RAWP, WHP*	BV Isotope Area Facilities D&D								
1	RDR/RAWP, WHP*	BV Chemical Development Lab Facilities D&D								
1	RDR/RAWP, WHP*	BV Reactor Area Facilities D&D								
1	RDR/RAWP, WHP*	BV Tank Area Facilities D&D								
3		ORNL Non-HF Well P&A								
3		MSRE Uranium Material Disposition								
		*Suggested to use a single RDR/RAWP and WHP for all of the facilities.								